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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

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Examiner:

In response to the USPTO correspondence dated 02/02/2004, please amend the above application as follows:

Enclosed please find:

1. Cover letter
2. Response to Non Compliant Amendment
3. Claims canceled, Claims rewritten
4. Certificate of mailing
5. Post card

History: In the course of correspondence between the applicant and the PTO, the case of distinction appeared. The applicant was directed to decide between two articles of distinction for patent protection. The items included a Non-Slip Dive Ballast Mold for casting an item of manufacture and the other was the item of manufacture. In this case the item of manufacture is a Non-Slip Dive Ballast. The applicant chose to focus on protection for the Non-Slip Dive Ballast.

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4. Amendments to the claims:

A. A complete listing of all claims is not present.

In response, please find claims canceled, claims substituted and claims rewritten on page 3.

B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims
(including withdrawn claims).

The applicant's telephone conversation with Wanda Brown of 2- 18- 2004 revealed that text would not be necessary and to use claim numbers only on the same page with cancellations substitutions and claims rewritten.

C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.

Examiner's recommended action on outline A and B renders outline C non applicable.